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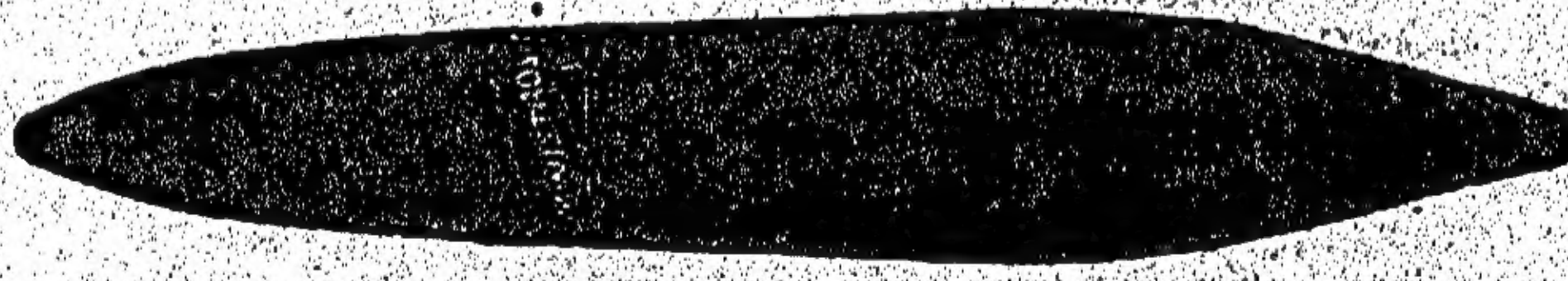
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THE RACECOURSE DISASTER ENQUIRY.

AN ACCIDENT IN 1914

A WARNING REGARDING THREE STOREY SHEDS.

OWNERS OF STANDS GIVE EVIDENCE.

The enquiry into the Race Course disaster was continued at the Magistracy yesterday.

THE SZE HOP FIRM.

Mr. Bowley, referring to the evidence taken the previous day, said that in answer to a question suggested by Mr. d'Almada, Kwok Kun, the building contractor, had stated that when his late partner Ma Fung was alive, he (Kwok Kun) was foreman in charge of works and that Ma Fung was in charge of everything else. That was not correct, and he wished the matter properly understood. Ma Fung's son and Kwok Kun had an equal interest in the business. Each had one-sixth share. Ma Fung's son looked after the office and accounts. He had no practical experience of match-building, but he was a man of 27 years and looked after money matters. It was decided that Ma Fung's son should be called.

The Crown Solicitor: There is one question I wish to raise. There is a large quantity of material rescued from the collapse, poles, boards and so on still at Happy Valley and the authorities consider it should be removed.

The Coroner suggested that Mr. Wright should make an inspection of the material and take notes of what was there. Then the material could be moved at once.

Ma Chung Ki was then called. He said he was 27 years old and a partner in the Sze Hop firm of contractors. He was in charge of the office work. There were six partners, of whom Kwok Kun was one. The other four were in "the country." Witness had been a partner since his father's death three years ago. He did not take any part in the construction of the matcheds. Kwok Kun was in charge of the works. He knew that the matcheds erected on the Race Course were similar to those erected in previous years.

By the Coroner: He discussed the prices to be charged for the matcheds with the owners of the sites. The prices charged for sheds 4, 5 and 6 were the same as last year. There had been no rise in the prices at all; the prices had been left to him by his father. The work on all the sheds was not charged at the same rate; it was a matter of arrangement with the owners. There was no agreement under which better work was done on one shed than the others.

Mr. Bowley pointed out that the charge for the three matcheds 4, 5 and 6 was \$180-\$200 for each shed. In answer to Mr. Bowley's questions, witness said Kwok Kun and his (witness') father had equal shares in the business. Witness' father used to look after the accounts, and so on. As he was a man of 70 years he simply supervised the construction work. Witness had never worked on matcheds himself.

By Mr. Stevenson: The prices charged for stands 4, 5 and 6 were the same as charged in previous years. They had been charging \$180 for those stands for the last three years. He could say nothing of time before that. The price this year covered exactly the same work as had been done on the sheds in previous years.

By the Coroner: The firm did not make much profit last year. The year before that there was neither profit nor loss. He could not say what profit was made three years ago. There were about twenty odd firms of match-builders in the Colony. Witness' firm the year before last did rather less business than in his father's time; last year they did about the same. They now employed about the same number of workmen as when his father was alive.

Ma Chuk Sam, 33 years of age, said he had been foreman of the Sze Hop firm for the past four years. He supervised the erection of the matcheds on the Race Course. There were between 70 and 80 men employed and all were experienced. He began building the matcheds this year on February 7th and the work was completed on February 24th. During the whole of the period he was continually in charge, inspecting the work. Kwok Kun supervised and an-

other Chinese also occasionally superintended the work. For the most part the material used in the matcheds was new. The Inspector of the P.W.D. never complained of any bad work. Witness inspected the matcheds on the first day of the races from 7 a.m. until noon. He could not say how many people were present; he would judge about the same number as usual. On the second day of the races he was also present on the Race Course from 7 a.m. to 12 noon. He found during that time that one of the bamboo splittings had come off a gangway and he got a jolt to put it right. He was not present when the collapse occurred and he could give no reason for such a collapse. He had been building matcheds for twelve years and he had never previously experienced a collapse. He never saw any sign that the lashings of the matcheds had been cut or tampered with in any way.

By the Coroner: When he inspected the matcheds he went outside and both up and down stairs.

By Mr. Bowley: When he left the Race Course at 12 noon on February 23rd the matcheds, as far as he could see, were in good order. That afternoon he was engaged in supervising work at the old Mercantile Bank.

Mr. Lo: Is it usual to drive poles into the ground to secure struts?—When it is necessary.

When is it necessary and when not?—If there is a stump of a tree or anything strong enough to attach the strut to, it is not necessary to drive in poles.

Were poles driven into the ground on the Race Course?—There were trees to which struts could be lashed.

Did you drive poles into the ground or not?—Struts were attached to the fence, but about three poles were driven into the ground also.

Do you agree that sheds 1 to 3 and 17 to 19 did not collapse because they were of one storey, whilst the others were higher?—Yes.

The question was repeated by the Coroner, in different form and witness replied that he could not say that the sheds did not collapse because they were lower.

Mr. Lo: Do you think it would have made any difference if struts had been put on the Golf Club side of the matcheds?—The sheds would not collapse.

Again the Coroner repeated the question in somewhat different form and witness said that the result, with or without struts, would be just the same.

At the suggestion of the Coroner the question was then dropped.

MR. BLAKE'S EVIDENCE.

Mr. Blake, of the Expense, Stores and Accounts Department, A.S.C., said he was a partner in sheds 4, 5 and 6, named the Unity Stand. The other partners were Mr. Olsen and Mr. Warren.

He purchased the site on January 11th and Mr. Olsen obtained a permit from the P.W.D. for the erection of the shed, which was constructed with a basement and one storey. He had had one of these matcheds on the Race Course for the last 13 years. About five years ago he asked the contractor to put in double uprights under the betting counter. That was because of the greater crush at the counter. With this exception the sheds had been the same all through the years. His shed was finished on the Sunday morning previous to the races. Witness and Mr. Olsen had inspected the struts and uprights on the previous Thursday and on the Sunday they inspected the matcheds as a whole. Mr. Olsen gave all the instructions to the contractor. His matcheds was used for betting either for winners or places and for cash sweeps. Anyone could go into the shed.

The Crown Solicitor: What is the stand really built for?—Really for service men, naval and military, who cannot afford to go into the grandstand. Of course, we admit Chinese, as well, and this year the military and naval men were excluded because of the prevalence of disease.

Is any control exercised over the number?—There were two watchmen there.

The Coroner: European?—No, Chinese. What are their instructions?—To see that no animals with children on their backs enter the shed and to keep out small boys.

The Crown Solicitor: Were there any limits as to numbers?—No.

Could you say what was the number in the matcheds on February 23?—About 300 on the upper floor.

Is that the biggest number you had there?—That is the biggest number that day.

What is the largest number ever accommodated?—In previous years we have had 400. I should not think we have ever had more.

The ground floor was used for refreshments?—Yes.

It was let off by you to N. Y. Sun?—Yes. No rent was charged, nor did I receive commission. The refreshments were for the convenience of those who came to patronise the stand.

What were the arrangements for refreshments?—There were three or four charcoal chetties on the grass in shed No. 6.

Were there any boards in No. 6?—No boards at all.

Were any arrangements made as a precaution against fire?—I had three large barrels of water on the lower floor of No. 6 and on the upper floor I had eight buckets filled with water.

The Coroner: With reference to cooking, was it going on all the time?—Only from 11 to 1. There was no cooking really. It was simply a question of heating up potatoes and so on. The food was served cold.

No chetties were in use after 1 p.m.?—Only one for boiling tea.

The Crown Solicitor: How long has it been customary to have cooking done at the sheds?—Ever since I have had them.

Do you remember having made a complaint on any previous occasion about the stands?—About four years ago I went to Mr. Hough and complained of a three storey matcheds being next to the Unity Stand. It was on the first day of the races I remember. On that day the upper floor of shed No. 6 gave way. It was a three storey shed, and I was afraid that shed No. 7 might give way also.

The Coroner: What was done?—Mr. Hough told me he had nothing to do with it and that I should complain to the Government.

Did you complain to the Government?—No.

You have had a three storey matcheds at No. 7 ever since?—Yes.

And you have not complained?—No. I have not complained since that day.

The Crown Solicitor: How did the floor give way on that occasion?—The top storey sank. The struts had come from underneath the top storey.

Was it during the racing?—About the second race of the first day.

Was there any accident owing to the floor giving way?—Not as far as I know.

The Coroner: How did it come to your knowledge?—The people came rushing into the Unity Stand, saying that the Colonial Stand had given way.

There was some little panic?—Yes.

The Crown Solicitor: You reported to Mr. Hough at the time?—Yes.

Have you ever known any accident except the one you refer to?—Never.

With regard to the matcheds this year was there any communication between Nos. 4, 5 and 6 and Nos. 1, 2 and 3?—Yes, the matting was taken off the partition to allow the Chinese ladies to come in and get sweep tickets.

Has it always been the same?—Always the same since the Jockey Club rented those stands.

With regard to the collapse on Feb. 23th can you give me particulars as to what happened?—I was standing at the sweep counter in front of No. 6 shed about five minutes to three waiting for the ball for the 5th race in order to stop the sale of tickets when I heard a cracking sound from No. 7. I looked up and saw the partition of No. 7 falling into the Unity Stand, and women and children falling with it. The counters of the Unity Stand prevented the people in it from being crushed.

The Crown Solicitor: Did the floor of your matcheds collapse?—As far as I can say the upper floor sank about four feet.

Were there any casualties in your stand?—Not as far as I know. I went out at the front and stepped on to the race course. When I had got out I heard a cry and turned again to the matcheds and found a small Portuguese boy behind

some matting with his leg jammed to the floor. I managed to get him out and, in doing so, I hurt my back and was assisted out of the stand by Mr. Forbes. That was all I knew.

Have you formed any opinion as to the cause of the collapse?—I am of opinion that the three storey buildings were too heavy when occupied.

Mr. Stevenson: Did you give any instructions regarding the cooking?—I said I would not allow any fire within the stand, nothing except charcoal, and that these charcoal fires were to be put out immediately after tiffin was served. I also made the refreshment caterer have three tubs of water handy.

Did you see that your instructions were carried out?—I did at 1.30 p.m. I allowed, however, one chatty to remain for boiling water.

You inspected each day at 1.30 p.m.?—Yes.

The people who frequent the Unity Stand also go to other stands, do they not?—Yes, there is a continual flow in and out all the time.

Do you know whether sweepstakes were run in other stands?—In all stands. You sold tickets, I think, in your stand to the ladies from the Jockey Club sheds?—I did.

You say that the counters protected you when No. 7 fell on your stand?—They kept the partitions up.

Was there anything special about the counters?—They were all brand new, made last year of hard wood.

Were they supplied by the matcheds contractor?—No they were supplied by my partners and myself.

Did you have any watchman on the stand?—Two watchmen and two detectives.

From the Police Station?—From No. 2 Police Station; we paid them \$5 each.

No one was injured on your stand?—None that I know. There was no one in the stand when I left. I was the last to leave.

Mr. Bowley: You tell us you provided water barrels and fire buckets to prevent fire. Did you receive any instructions from the Police or the Fire Brigade in connection with these things?—None whatsoever.

It was your own idea, was it?—Yes.

The Coroner: You have always done that have you not?—Yes.

Mr. Bowley: Were any intoxicating liquors provided on the stand?—None whatever.

No beer?—Only what I had provided for employees. Not for sale.

Had M. Y. San any licence to keep a refreshment booth?—Not that I know.

Do you know if he has a licence anywhere in the Colony to keep a refreshment house?—I could not say.

You had no licence?—Only the permit from the P.W.D.

No eating house licence?—No.

In addition to cash sweeps you had betting on winners and place betting. Is that the pari-mutuel?—Yes.

And of course you charged a commission?—Yes.

How many years have you carried on a pari-mutuel and cash sweeps?—This was my 13th year with my present partners and three years before that with other partners.

The Coroner: You have always had a pari-mutuel?—Yes, always.

Mr. Bowley: One of the conditions of the sale is that no gambling is permitted. Do you regard that condition as a dead letter?—I do, seeing that gambling is allowed in the Grand Stand.

You have been carrying on gambling in the sheds all these years and no attempt has been made to prevent it?—That is so.

Were you rendered unconscious by your accident?—I was.

How long was it from the commencement of the collapse to your accident?—About seven minutes I should say.

Did you see where the fire commenced?—I saw no fire.

I understand you got out of the front of the matcheds on to the racecourse and then came back to rescue a small boy. Most of that seven minutes was spent in the matcheds?—Yes, I was only on the racecourse about a second.

You naturally then would not see a fire in the centre of the row?—No, I saw no fire.

It is quite clear that wherever the fire came from it did not originate in your shed?—It did not originate in my shed.

Can you form any idea where the collapse commenced?—I cannot.

From your position, standing by the counter, when the partition of No. 7 fell on you, you could not see the ranges of matcheds outside?—No.

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Hongkong, 11th March, 1918. [1762]

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R.N. Hospital,
Hongkong, 18th March, 1918. [1766]

G. A. DREAPER.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 14th March, 1918, until SATURDAY, the 23rd March, 1918, both days inclusive.

By Order of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1918. [1742]

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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1918. [1747]

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Hongkong, 5th March, 1918. [1755]

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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1918. [1753]

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ERIKEL.—At the Victoria Nursing Home, Shanghai, on March 8th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. ERIKEL, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

COURTNEY-ROCHE.—At H.B.M. Consulate, Shanghai, on March 6th, and afterwards at St. Joseph's Church, Gerald NEWMAN COURTNEY, of Bishop's Teignton, Devon, to CATHERINE GRACE ROCHE, of Tsingtao.

HAYNES-ACKERLEY.—At H.B.M. Consulate, Shanghai, on March 6th, and afterwards at the Union Church, by the Rev. C. E. Derwent, M.A., WILFRED JAMES HAYNES, son of N. Haynes, Esq., of Willenhall, Staffordshire, to IDA MARIANNE ACKERLEY, second daughter of the late Francis Edward Ackersley, West Derby, Liverpool.

DEATHS.

CUNHA.—At the General Hospital, Shanghai, on March 7th, J. S. CUNHA, China Customs Service, Nanking, aged 39 years.

RANGEL.—At St. Raphael's Hospital, Macao, on March 7th, EMILIA PACHECO, formerly of Shanghai, the dearly and beloved wife of Mr. THEODORUS RANGEL.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, 18th MARCH, 1918.

THE SIBERIAN MENACE.

THE news that steps are being taken in Russia, even by the Bolsheviks, to resist the oppression of the Central European Powers promises to facilitate the task of the Allies in meeting the Siberian menace. To Japan, who is responsible for safeguarding the peace of the Far East, primarily belongs the responsibility of frustrating Germany's aggressive designs in this part of the world, and the Allies, whom she is consulting before taking action, feel every confidence in committing their interests to her care. They are naturally reluctant, however, to embark upon any policy which may be misunderstood in Russia and retard the movement towards emancipation from German thralldom that appears to be in progress. Any precipitate act at this critical moment might defeat its object. The Allies, it must be remembered, have not severed relations with Russia; on the contrary, they have refused to common

with the Russian Embassies, to recognise the Bolsheviks as authorised to act on behalf of the nation. Therefore, there must be adequate justification for any invasion of Russian territory and intervention in Russia's domestic affairs. It is a perplexing position because the danger is real and imminent. The number of liberated prisoners-of-war in Siberia is estimated, roughly, at a quarter of a million, and unconfirmed information has reached the British Government that a Prussian General has been sent to organise them as a fighting force. They are being armed by the Bolsheviks in order to oppose the Cossacks, and there is a grave danger that they may seize the vast accumulations of munitions and stores of every description which were sent via the Trans-Siberian Railway from Japan, Canada and America for the use of the Russian Army, but never reached those for whom they were intended. Meanwhile, General ALEXIEFF is understood to be raising a large Army in the Don district for the purpose of overthrowing the Bolshevik régime and repudiating the German peace. If his efforts should meet with success the course of the Allies would be clear. According to the *Pravda's* Irkutsk correspondent, Prince Lvov, the first Premier of the Republic, has established a new Russian Government in the Far East with Headquarters at Peking and is awaiting the landing of the Japanese with a view to their co-operation. As we have received no confirmation of this from our Peking correspondent we should be inclined to dismiss it as devoid of foundation but for the vagaries of the censorship. There is no doubt, however, that a military force to restore order in Siberia is being led by Colonel SIMONOV, while a representative committee has been formed at Harbin to uphold the Provisional Constitution and fulfil the engagements with the Allies. The railway has been cut, and, as the enemy are unable to use it beyond Douria, their advance will be delayed. Their artillery is said to include heavy guns skillfully directed by German officers. The Japanese, we may be sure, are actively making preparations to deliver an effective stroke as soon as the proper moment arrives. From Washington it is announced that they are negotiating with the leaders of the anti-Bolshevik party with a view to rendering some form of political aid and are endeavouring to raise a Russian division to co-operate with them. China, which is vitally concerned in the issue, has mobilised fifty thousand troops in Heilungkiang and Kirin for despatch to the frontier, where some of them have already arrived and are constructing defensive works. It is to be hoped that the North and South will seize the opportunity now afforded them of proving the patriotism they profess by uniting in the face of the common foe and taking immediate steps effectively to guard their Northern and Western frontiers from invasion.

Mail for Kongmoon will be closed in future at the General Post Office and at Sheung Wan branch P.O. at 5 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. On other days the hour of closing will remain as at present.

Referring to Colonel John Ward's appointment as Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, the London Correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian* writes:—"It is pleasant to contemplate the entrance into that brilliant and exclusive order of a man who worked as a navy on the Manchester Ship Canal and who served in the ranks in the Soudan. This is a recognition of Col. Ward's work in raising several battalions of the Middlesex Regiment, and it will be realised nowhere more than on the Labour benches in the House of Commons, where Col. Ward is deservedly popular. He made a famous speech in the House of Commons not long before the war at the time of the Curragh affair, when he said: 'We have now to decide whether the people, through their representatives in Parliament, are to make the laws absolutely without interference from King or Army.' On that occasion, I believe, he was thanked by the National Liberal Club for 'saying what we all think.' He blushed in the limelight nine months ago when his speech to the men on the transport *Lyndarou*, after he had struck a mine off the Cape, was made public in England. Now he is in the limelight again, and his friends are glad of his honour."

CORRESPONDENCE.

OVERCROWDING AT CINEMA THEATRES.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—I thoroughly endorse "Grouser's" opinion as regards overcrowding at the cinematographs. Tickets should only be sold for as many seats as there are in the cinematograph. Sometimes, especially at matinees, I have seen the passages thoroughly blocked, making it almost impossible for anybody to leave the cinema during the show if he so desires.

I believe there must be some rules and regulations laid down before a licence is granted by the Government. Is overcrowding not against any of these rules? If so, how is it that no due regard is paid to it?—Yours faithfully,

CINEMA GOER.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1918.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—Why does not "Grouser" report to the Police or the Building Authority? For placing a chair in a passage or gangway the licensee is liable to a penalty of \$500 and forfeiture of his licence.

Any person standing or sitting in a gangway is liable to a penalty of \$25.

If the police on duty do not take action, "Grouser" should report them to the Captain Superintendent of Police.—Yours faithfully,

REGULATION.

HONGKONG ST. GEORGE'S DAY FUND.

The Committee acknowledge with thanks receipt of the undated subscriptions to the above Fund. Further donations will be gratefully received by the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. J. H. Ramsay), care of Hongkong and Shanghai Bank:—

Mr. J. Scott Harston\$300
Sir R. Ho Tung250
Mr. E. A. M. Williams100
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"Spero"100
"Cards"8
"Unexpected Bonus"35
\$784

NAMOA ISLAND RELIEF FUND.

The following further subscriptions to the Namoa Island Relief Fund have been received by Messrs. Bradley & Co., Ltd.:—

Mr. A. V. Apear\$25.00
Mr. C. Thorne25.00
Par. Mutual Refund15.00
"Hope" (Canton)37.05
Messrs. Douglas LaPraik & Co.	500.00

SPORT.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

ROYAL ARTILLERY CUP.

87th CO. R.G.A., 4; 53rd CO., R.G.A., 0.

This, the second re-play for the above cup, was played at Happy Valley yesterday. The Stonecutters team won in convincing style, and quite deserved their victory. The 53rd Company had a very weak half-back line, and in consequence, Saunders, a very fast, aggressive forward, did pretty well as he liked. The winners scored three goals in the first half and one in the second. At one point in the game the players showed a tendency to get a little out of hand, but a caution by the referee had the desired result.

HONGKONG TRAMWAY CO., LTD.

The approximate statement of traffic receipts for the week ending 9th March is as follows:—

	Receipts for week.	Aggregate for 10 weeks.
This Year	\$2,491	\$11,399
Last Year	12,289	119,022
increase	702	2,377

BRIG. GENERAL'S LAST ADDRESS.

A Durham telegram says:—A communication has been received containing an extract from the last address to his men of Brigadier-General Bradford, V.C., M.C., who was killed a day or two after (on November 30th) while talking to his men encouraging them under most trying conditions. Speaking shortly after his promotion, Brigadier-General Bradford, who was only 26, asked his men to put implicit trust and confidence in him, and to look upon him not only as their brigadier, but as their friend. By the help of God, he would try and lead them to the best of his ability, and let them remember their interests were his. In a few days they were going to attack. Their powers of endurance were going to be tested. Those powers must not fail them. "Above all," said he, "pray. More things are wrought by prayer than the world dreams of. It is God alone who can give us the victory and bring us through this battle safely."

THE WAR

BRITISH PROGRESS IN PALESTINE AND MESOPOTAMIA.

ENEMY REPULSED ON WESTERN FRONT.

AMERICA'S CONTRIBUTION TO SHIPPING.

THE PAN-GERMAN PRICE OF PEACE.

PRIME MINISTER'S DEFENCE OF NEWSPAPER PROPRIETORS' APPOINTMENTS.

Bravo-Belgian Front.

LATEST CABLES.
(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

BRITISH FRONT.

BRITISH AIR WORK.

LONDON, March 11th.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, reporting on aviation states:—The aviation haze interfered with air work on Sunday. Nevertheless, 400 bombs were dropped on Menin, Roulers, Ledeghem, Cambrai and Solesmes railway stations and other targets.

We destroyed three balloons, brought down six aeroplanes, and drove down seven.

RAIDS AND ATTEMPTED RAID.

LONDON, March 11th.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—We repulsed three raids following a heavy bombardment in the neighbourhood of Armentieres.

The enemy attempted a large raid this morning, his infantry attacking on a front of 1,000 yards north-westward of Passchendaele.

A party entered a post southwards of Houthulst Forest, but we immediately recaptured it.

EARLIER CABLES.

ENEMY RAIDING PARTY REPULSED.

LONDON, March 10th.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—A hostile raiding party, under cover of a heavy bombardment, attacked our posts eastward of Armentieres. A few British are missing.

We repulsed the party. Artillery has markedly increased between La Bassée Canal and Ypres.

LATEST GERMAN ATTACK.

LONDON, March 11th.

Reuter's Correspondent at Headquarters reports:—Since the German attack on Friday and our subsequent counter-attacks the enemy infantry have been inactive. It is believed that the enemy planned to launch these attacks on earlier dates, but the intensity of our artillery firing caused their postponement.

The northern attack was delivered at four o'clock on Friday morning and the southern attack was due simultaneously, but our barrage held it up. The object of the former was to straighten the salient in our line south of Houthulst Forest. The enemy assaulted under cover of a smoke barrage on a front of 2,000 yards. Its northern flank was completely repulsed.

In the centre the *Stosstrupen* succeeded in rushing six posts forming our advanced line. The garrisons re-formed one hundred yards away and immediately counter-attacked, but unsuccessfully, upon which the supports from the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry attacked, and the Germans ran before ours could close with them.

The southern attack began at six o'clock in the evening and was aimed at possessing the little ridge near Polderhoek Chateau. Despite a heavy barrage, the Germans gained the nose of the ridge and got into the front trench on a front of 300 yards.

The King's Royal Rifle, who were holding the position fell back in good order after heavily bombing the enemy and had counter-attacked, but unsuccessfully. During the night the Royal Fusiliers reinforced them and the second counter-attack resulted in fierce hand-to-hand fighting and by dawn we had entirely recovered every inch of the lost ground.

The enemy artillery responded heavily to our barrage, and three shells burst successively upon the Company Headquarters of the Royal Rifles, burying the occupants, who were all dug out alive.

Elsewhere along the front there has been violent artillery firing.

The weather was fine but hazy, and our airmen continue to do wonderful work in combing the Germans out of the sky.

The latest record is 12 machines crashed and one shot down by our "Archies," 21 driven down out of control.

During Friday's daylight only three of our planes failed to return.

SUCCESSFUL RAID.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—We were successful in a raid southward of St. Quentin. Several of the enemy were killed or captured.

Two machine-guns were captured. We drove off an enemy party north-westward of La Bassée.

There was considerable reciprocal artillery firing south-eastward of Armentieres.

FRENCH FRONT.

ENEMY'S DOUBLE ATTACK REPULSED.

PARIS, March 11th.

A communiqué states:—Our counter-attack repulsed an enemy attempt to reach our lines in the neighbourhood of the St. Hilaire—St. Souplet road in Champagne, and we took prisoners.

After a violent bombardment the enemy made a double attack, in which special assaulting troops participated, against Goose Hill and Dead Man Hill on the left of the Meuse. Our assaults were everywhere repulsed.

A strong enemy group, in attempting to gain a footing in our trenches north of St. Mihiel were dispersed.

The American troops in Lorraine carried out a daring raid.

MUTUAL ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

PARIS, March 11th.

A communiqué states:—There was reciprocal artillery activity at Blandin and Viols.

Our aeroplanes dropped 14 tons of bombs on enemy works behind the lines.

FRANCO-AMERICAN RAIDS.

LONDON, March 11th.

Reuter's Correspondent at the French Headquarters says that Americans participated in two raids in Lorraine on Saturday.

The first was east of Reillon, fifty of the Ohio Infantry co-operating with six French sappers. They crossed 500 yards in the open under a German barrage and wrecked German shelters and wire. They returned with only four wounded.

The second was east of Neuville, where one American and two French companies ejected the enemy from three lines of trenches, which they systematically destroyed. The American artillery operated most splendidly.

Aerial Activities.

LATEST CABLES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

EFFECT OF BRITISH REPRISAL THREAT.

LONDON, March 12th.

The Press Bureau announces:—The War Prisoners' Department was informed to-day that Lieutenants Scholtz and Wookey would be released and returned to camp.

The month's notice of the intended reprisals would have expired to-morrow.

ANOTHER AIR RAID ON PARIS.

PARIS, March 12th.

It is officially announced:—Seven enemy aeroplane squadrons attacked Paris at ten o'clock on Monday evening. Bombs were dropped at several points, causing casualties and damage.

EARLIER CABLES.

AIR RAID ON NAPLES.

ROME, March 11th.

A semi-official report states:—In an air raid on Naples 20 bombs were dropped, killing a number of persons.

BRITISH NAVAL ACTIVITY.

LONDON, March 11th.

The Admiralty reports:—Naval aeroplanes bombed the Engle aerodrome and dump, starting two fires.

We destroyed three enemy aircraft and drove down four others uncontrollable. All returned.

AERIAL RAID ON STUTTGART.

LONDON, March 11th.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports on aviation as follows:—We dropped 900 bombs on dumps, billets and aerodromes; also on the important railway centre north-eastward of St. Quentin.

A large number of machines carried out a particularly successful attack from a low height on three aerodromes, directly hitting the hangars and machines in the open in each aerodrome. Returning to a height of 100 feet they machine-gunned favourable ground targets, causing casualties and scattering a company of infantry in all directions. Air fighting was heavy, and we brought down 10 and drove down 10 enemy machines. Two of our machines are missing.

To-day we dropped one-and-a-quarter tons of bombs on the Daimler Motor Works at Stuttgart in broad daylight.

Several bursts were observed at the railway station where a stationary train was set on fire; three bursts at a munition factory south-eastward of the town and other bursts at the Daimler Works and buildings.

Hostile aeroplanes withdrew after weakly attempting to attack our formation.

One of our machines did not return owing to engine trouble.

AVIATION ON ITALIAN FRONT.

LONDON, March 11th.

An Italian official report states:—Our aeroplanes in the day-time and our airships at night-time dropped seven tons of bombs on enemy aerodromes and camps.

All our machines returned.

The British brought down two enemy machines.

The Near East.

LATEST CABLES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE PALESTINE CAMPAIGN. BRITISH PROGRESS CONTINUED.

LONDON, March 11th.

A Palestine official report states:—Northward the advance astride the Jerusalem-Nablus road was continued through the most precipitous and most difficult country in face of obstinate resistance, the enemy employing numerous concealed machine-guns.

We progressed 3,000 yards on a 13 miles front, securing the high ridges overlooking the north bank of Wadi al Jib, and repulsing three counter-attacks.

We consolidated our new line northward of Wadi Anis.

Our aeroplanes bombed and machine-gunned enemy troops and transport. The Nablus road operations continue.

EARLIER CABLES.

ADVANCE OF SEVERAL MILES.

LONDON, March 10th.

A Palestine official message states:—Our advance to the north continued yesterday morning.

We crossed the Wadiouja and captured a strong Turkish position five miles west of the Jordan.

We have advanced on either side of the Jerusalem-Nablus Road on a front of thirteen miles, to an average depth of from two to three miles.

We have occupied Keftalik, Selwad and Telasur.

East of the road the enemy unsuccessfully attempted to take Telasur. We encountered little opposition west of the road.

LATEST CABLES.

BRITISH OCCUPY HIT.

LONDON, March 11th.

A Mesopotamia official report states:—The Hit Garrison continued its retirement and occupies Khanbaghadi, 22 miles above Hit.

Aircraft attacked the retreating Turks and inflicted heavy casualties.

EARLIER CABLES.

LONDON, March 10th.

A Mesopotamia official report states:—We occupied Hit on the Euphrates yesterday morning without opposition.

The Turks retired seven miles up the stream.

Hit is 100 miles west of Bagdad, and has rich petroleum deposits.

The Balkans.

EARLIER CABLES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

BALKANS FRONT.

BULGARIAN REPORT.

LONDON, March 11th.

A Bulgarian communiqué states:—After artillery preparation the German storm-troops penetrated enemy trenches in the Cerna Bend north of Hepeh and brought back French prisoners.

BRITISH TROOPS RUSH A POST.

LONDON, March 11th.

A British official message from Salonika says:—We rushed a post at the mouth of the Struma River, killing the entire garrison.

Naval Activities.

EARLIER CABLES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

GERMAN ICE-BREAKER MINED.

STOCKHOLM, March 11th.

The ice-breaker *Hindenburg*, which was accompanying the German expedition, mined and sunk at the Aland Islands. Three were killed and eight wounded.

General.

LATEST CABLES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

JAPAN AND SIBERIA.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS NO INFORMATION.

LONDON, March 11th.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Balfour stated that the Government had no information that Japanese forces had arrived in Siberia. He could not say when he would be able to give information regarding the proposed Japanese intervention.

THE HAPSBURGS WANT POLAND.

ZURICH, March 11th.

Count Andrássy writes in a Budapest paper that Poland must be taken from Russia and brought under the Hapsburgs. Otherwise, the Polish agitation will disturb the peace of Austria-Hungary and spread chaos in Russia.

AFFAIRS IN RUSSIA.

POLISH LEGIONARIES INTERNED.

ZURICH, March 11th.

The *Neuchâtel Zeitung* states that owing to the ferment among the Ukrainian peace terms among the Polish Legionaries at the front they have been disarmed and interned in Austria-Hungary.

RETURN OF DEPORTEES ORDERED.

AMSTERDAM, March 11th.

A Berlin telegram announces that M. Tschirner has already ordered the return of the persons deported from Livonia, mentioned on March 8th.

EARLIER CABLES.

GERMAN OPPRESSION TO BE RESISTED.

PETROGRAD, March 11th.

The *Pravda* declares that the transfer of the Government to Moscow demonstrates the firm determination of the Government to resist to the end the German attempt to make Russia her vassal, and proves that there is no understanding between the Revolution and German Imperialism.

LATEST CABLES.

NEWSPAPER PROPRIETORS AS MINISTERS.

PRIME MINISTER'S EXPLANATION.

LONDON, March 11th.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Chamberlain, the Prime Minister disagreed with the contention that owners and directors of newspapers should not hold Ministerial offices.

Viscount Northcliffe held no Ministerial office, while Lord Rothermere and Lord Beaverbrook gave up all direction of their papers as soon as they were appointed Ministers. They were both exceptionally able men.

Lord Rothermere had already reorganised an important department of the War Office, and his administration of it had proved an unqualified success. Lord Beaverbrook had organised the Canadian propaganda most successfully.

The Prime Minister emphasised the importance of the propaganda which the enemy used with deadly effect in Russia and Italy. Lord Northcliffe had made a special study of the conditions in enemy countries, and no man better qualified to direct propaganda in enemy countries could be found in the British Empire, and the Government were grateful to him for taking the post. Propaganda in all the other Allied countries and in Germany was conducted almost exclusively by experienced newspaper men, and despite the inevitable prejudices which the Government apprehended, they must follow that example as the only means of securing an effective presentation of the Allied cause.

His one object in this, as in all other Government appointments, was to secure the men best qualified to do the work effectively. (Cheers.) He reiterated that he was in no way responsible for the attacks on Admirals and Generals. It had been suggested that a member of his staff had inspired such attacks. He had thoroughly investigated the matter and unhesitatingly declared that the imputation was utterly unfounded and unjust.

Mr. Chamberlain said that the principles laid down by Mr. Lloyd George were satisfactory, but there had been too much coincidence between newspaper attacks upon Government servants and the removal of the latter. He regretted that the Prime Minister had not made a clean cut and swept away forever the atmosphere of suspicion of intrigue.

Mr. Asquith deplored the organised Press campaign in war-time against soldiers and sailors, the first of which was against the late Lord Kitchener, which he (Mr. Asquith) had felt very keenly and consequently he had advised His Majesty the King to bestow the Order of the Garter upon Lord Kitchener at the earliest opportunity, which His Majesty did. It was of the utmost importance that the Government should be free from suspicion of direct association with the operations of the Press, and therefore, he advocated that the Propaganda Department should be absolutely water-tight and without any influence on the policy of the Government.

Mr. Lloyd George, in vindicating up the debate, accepted the fundamental principles laid down by Mr. Asquith, and said that after his explanation that afternoon there had not been a real challenge against the action of the Government, and concluded by paying a tribute to Viscount Northcliffe from the standpoint of news organisation as a man of genius and one of the greatest news organisers in the world.

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THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, March 11th.

Silver is steady.

EARLIER CABLES.

THE GERMAN DESIGNS IN SPAIN.

LONDON, March 11th.

According to the *Times* Madrid correspondent, the German Ambassador writes to the *Sol* admitting the authenticity of the von Storer's letter and Pascual's visit to the Embassy, dated on the 8th instant, but asserting that the Embassy broke off relations with Pascual when aware that he was an anarchist.

The *Sol* replies to the letter, maintaining its assertions and reserving further evidence till the trial.

THE CABINET FORMATION.

MADRID, March 10th.

Senor Prieto has definitely declined to form a new Ministry.

The Conference of the Party Leaders are being resumed.

THE CABINET RECONSTITUTED.

LONDON, March 11th.

The Cabinet has been reconstituted as before.

SUCCESSFUL RATIONING.

LONDON, March 11th.

The fortnight's rationing the London and the Home Counties has been very successful. Margarine and meat queues have practically disappeared.

It is stated that a surplus of meat was returned to cold storage on Saturday, yet it is announced that heavy manual labour workers should have had a double-ration scheme of rationing. The rationing of bread will be issued shortly, necessitating fewer bakers.

THE FUTURE RULING POWER?

LONDON, March 11th.

Mr. J. R. Clynes, speaking at West Ham, said that Democracy was being accepted on all hands as the future ruling power. The working man refused to submit to terms similar to what Russia swallowed. Labour wanted peace and was willing to negotiate, but before it could enter the Conference Chamber it must have some guarantee of honest intention on the part of the Central Powers.

BRITISH SYMPATHY WITH ROUMANIA.

LONDON, March 11th.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Balfour stated that the peace between Roumania and the Central Powers had not yet been ratified. The Government know the enemy terms before they were assented to. The Government very deeply sympathised with Roumania in the cruel position in which she had been placed. (Cheers.) It would certainly be the Government's duty and endeavour to obtain at the Peace Conference a revision of the harsh terms imposed upon Roumania.

AMERICA AND THE WAR.

SHIPBUILDING PROGRESS.

WASHINGTON, March 10th.

America's shipbuilding programme was advanced by the completion and delivery during February of 17 ships with a tonnage of 121,000.

The Shipping Board officials estimate that the March delivery will be 23 ships with a tonnage of 188,000.

LATER.

The authorities are confident that there will be a continuous monthly increase in shipbuilding, reaching a total output of 4,500,000 new tonnage by January, 1919.

Men and supplies are being forwarded to General Pershing according to schedule.

WEEKLY WAR REVIEW.

WASHINGTON, March 11th.

The Weekly Review of the War states that in the West, despite enemy efforts for three and a half years to shift eastward, the enemy is completing the redistribution of his available forces. There is nothing in the situation to indicate that he has abandoned the plan of a major offensive in the West. He has developed two principal centres of activity, one pivoting on Rheims and the other in Alsace on Lunville. The Allies, while alertly on the offensive, are content to allow the enemy to break his strength in assaults on the impenetrable lines. The British and French morale was never better. The activity of the American forces is daily being extended and their numbers in the line are constantly being increased. They now man trenches at four separate points.

The Review, summarising the operations, expresses the opinion that the Germans are preparing for more extensive action in the Roul sector and are contemplating an offensive in the mountain area of Italy, possibly with a view to debouching in the plain through Valais Gorge. This will doubtless develop when the weather improves.



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TEN YEARS OF TRAMWAYS IN SHANGHAI

On March 5th, 1908, the service of electric tramways was inaugurated in Shanghai. The event marked the commencement of the great development here in the use of electricity for other purposes than traction (says the *N. C. Daily News*).

The traffic on the tramways has increased to a remarkable extent, although the track has not been extended. The progress of the undertaking has even attracted attention in Western countries. This is not surprising when some of the salient features as shown by the following comparison are considered—

	1917	1908
Number of Cars	161	85
Passengers (millions)	73	11
Effective Receipts	\$1,263,006	\$453,941
Effective Receipts per passenger	1.72 cts.	3.38 cts.
Royalty to Municipal Council	62,943	22,097

A remarkable feature is the sweeping reduction in the receipts per passenger, from 3.38 cents in 1907 to 1.72 cents in 1917, the latter believed to be the lowest for tramways anywhere, coupled with the enormous increases in the number of passengers, and in the total receipts. Despite a loss of over 26 per cent. in converting into dollars the depreciated copper coins in which the bulk of revenue has to be collected, the Company was able to pay for 1916, a dividend of 10 per cent. per annum on its total share capital. (The loss by depreciation of coinage was equal to 13 per cent. per annum on the total share capital.)

The standard of safety in operation has been steadily improved from about 19 accidents of all kinds per million passengers in 1909 to under 4 in 1917.

Early last year the Company submitted to the Council a comprehensive scheme of expansion of the system of railless electric traction, of which it has been operating a mile of route very successfully for some time. Tramways would hardly be feasible on most of the routes proposed for the railless system.

Although, during its ten years of working, the Company has expended something like 2,100,000 on additional rolling stock, car depot accommodation, etc., it has not had to increase its share capital or issue debentures, and it is clear of bank loan or overdraft.

GERMAN MINORITY SOCIALISTS

The German Independent Socialist Party is considering the adoption of a new programme as follows—

1. Full restoration of the liberty of the Press and the right of meeting, and removal of the military element from the civil law.
2. Permanent meetings of the Reichstag.
3. The publication of all treaties and diplomatic proceedings of the Central Powers regarding the war.
4. An unequivocal statement of the war aims of the Central Powers in all their details.
5. No separate peace, as this would only prevent a general peace.
6. The dissolution of the Prussian Diet and immediate new elections.

WAR SAVINGS.

FIFTEENTH LIST OF THE LOCAL ASSOCIATION.

The following amounts, totalling \$84,358, have been received by the Hongkong and South China War Savings Association for the past month from the members whose official numbers are given below, and invested in Straits Settlements War Loan at 8 per cent.:

\$9,700—No. 860	\$1,000—Nos. 879, 560, 732, 35, 880.
\$9,000—No. 208	\$800—No. 208
\$4,500—No. 739	\$805—No. 73
\$3,000—No. 884	\$800—No. 220
\$2,300—No. 202	\$800—No. 248
\$2,250—No. 814	\$800—No. 889
\$2,000—Nos. 35, 885	\$800—No. 671
\$1,850—No. 780	\$800—Nos. 735, 853, 720, 1, 802, 883, 210,
\$1,500—Nos. 877, 681, 287	\$200, 390, 553, 007.
\$1,300—No. 814	\$400—Nos. 230, 454, 325, 674.
\$1,300—No. 888	\$350—No. 720
\$1,200—No. 237	\$350—Nos. 184, 846, 184.
\$1,000—No. 508	\$350—No. 725
\$1,000—Nos. 879, 560, 732, 35, 880.	\$300—Nos. 608, 812, 604, 722, 607, 414,
\$800—No. 208	\$440, 696, 477, 531, 775, 890.
\$805—No. 73	\$250—Nos. 201, 470, 710, 735.
\$800—No. 220	\$210—No. 567
\$800—No. 248	\$200—Nos. 429, 624, 45, 170, 80, 230, 20,
\$800—No. 889	\$604, 772, 420, 307, 450, 715.
\$800—No. 671	\$180—No. 662
\$800—Nos. 735, 853, 720, 1, 802, 883, 210,	\$160—No. 846, 230, 787, 500.
\$200, 390, 553, 007.	\$145—No. 232
\$400—Nos. 230, 454, 325, 674.	\$140—No. 680
\$350—No. 720	\$135—Nos. 878, 600
\$350—Nos. 184, 846, 184.	\$130—Nos. 74, 216, 31.
\$350—No. 725	\$125—No. 117
\$300—Nos. 608, 812, 604, 722, 607, 414,	\$120—No. 410
\$440, 696, 477, 531, 775, 890.	\$110—No. 472
\$250—Nos. 201, 470, 710, 735.	\$105—No. 584
\$210—No. 567	\$100—Nos. 512, 10, 205, 218, 811, 247,
\$200—Nos. 429, 624, 45, 170, 80, 230, 20,	\$60, 600, 844, 118, 122, 125,
\$604, 772, 420, 307, 450, 715.	\$175, 737, 801, 73, 137, 348,
\$180—No. 662	\$503, 584, 790, 36, 502, 687,
\$160—No. 846, 230, 787, 500.	\$205, 350, 549, 703, 548, 221,
\$145—No. 232	\$272, 294, 401, 535, 678, 42,
\$140—No. 680	\$248, 604, 652, 600, 911.
\$135—Nos. 878, 600	\$80—Nos. 86, 95
\$130—Nos. 74, 216, 31.	\$75—Nos. 671, 110, 144.
\$125—No. 117	\$70—Nos. 310, 336
\$120—No. 410	\$60—Nos. 330, 490, 77.
\$110—No. 472	\$55—No. 213
\$105—No. 584	\$50—Nos. 232, 756, 52, 874, 309, 303,
\$100—Nos. 512, 10, 205, 218, 811, 247,	\$471, 79, 799, 788, 128, 825,
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\$70—Nos. 310, 336	\$30—Nos. 674, 188, 738, 75, 124, 131,
\$60—Nos. 330, 490, 77.	\$287, 110, 75, 240, 163, 255,
\$55—No. 213	\$17, 517
\$50—Nos. 232, 756, 52, 874, 309, 303,	\$25—Nos. 120, 823, 816, 62, 633, 71,
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\$33—Nos. 608, 138, 84, 361.	\$87
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\$287, 110, 75, 240, 163, 255,	\$880, 881, 121, 474, 139, 194,
\$17, 517	\$497, 751, 882, 206, 629, 687,
\$25—Nos. 120, 823, 816, 62, 633, 71,	\$988, 680, 311, 186, 193, 008,
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\$84, 358	\$60, 100, 480, 094, 595, 737,
\$80—Nos. 389, 773, 633, 14, 72, 78,	\$307, 305, 706, 161, 162, 163,
\$75, 270, 271, 123, 147, 705,	\$164, 498, 156, 157, 172, 217,
\$808, 506, 231, 150, 781, 68,	\$218, 864, 189, 5.
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1st list	\$ 39,100
2nd	10,280
3rd	62,075
4th	210,305
5th	123,680
6th	82,125
7th	31,680
8th	38,835
9th	110,593
10th	140,345
11th	49,715
12th	49,625
13th	80,875
14th	49,080

Total amount received to date \$ 1,216,870

No. 3	\$ 350.00
" 23	10.00
" 33	100.00
" 39	343.31
" 120	7.50
" 313	740.00
" 317	100.00
" 318	75.00
" 673	300.00
" 763	300.00
" 803	40.00
" 804	20.00
" 870	89.00
" 875	100.00
" 878	200.00

Previously acknowledged \$ 3,174.90

Total (Straits) \$125,424.55

No. 44	\$ 13,14.00
" 124	2.50
" 147	5.00
" 167	3.15.00
" 273	1.4.00
" 684	1.17.6
" 765	141.5.00
" 767	24.7.6
" 773	9.12.10
" 823	3.15.00
" 867	5.0.00
" 892	46.17.6

Previously acknowledged \$ 253.18.4

Total \$2,374.14.8

No. 253 \$ 600.00

Previously acknowledged \$ 200.00

Total \$1,000.00

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF

CANTON, LIMITED.

Hon. Secs. and Treasurers

Hongkong, 13th March, 1918.

QUEEN MARY'S NEEDLEWORK GUILD.

WORK OF THE HONGKONG BRANCH.

The following returns have been received from the Working Parties—

CITY HALL WORKING PARTY (under Mrs. Stabb).

During January (corrected list).

Two cases sent to Bombay containing:—
14 dressing gowns, 10 surgical caps, 71 vests, 22 milk covers, 22 shirts, 12 tray clothes, 3 surgical shirts, 12 scrubbers, 28 bed jackets, 12 head nets, 65 pairs of pyjamas, 4 pairs of bed boots, 8 pairs of slippers, 12 dozen handkerchiefs, 40 shrouds, 22 small pillows, 17 many tail bandages, 20 floor mops, 13 mufflers, 15 pairs of socks, 5 helmets, 2 caps and 1 pair of knee-caps.

Four cases to Bombay containing:—11 dressing gowns, 114 shirts, 150 vests, 103 bed jackets, 230 pairs of pyjamas, 12 surgical shirts, 27 dozen handkerchiefs, 8 dozen milk covers, 20 scrubbers, 72 covers, 11 pairs of operation stockings, 10 caps, 15 large mosquito nets, 35 small mosquito nets, 6 pillows, 5 holdalls, 17 surgeons coats, 10 pairs of bed boots, 32 shrouds, 34 pairs of slippers, 55 tray clothes, 19 head nets, 15 head bandages, 1 mop, 5 razors, 13 packs of cards, 6 jaguar scarves and eye bandages.

To French Red Cross:—275 pairs of socks, 102 mufflers, 38 caps, 33 knee-caps, 14 white caps, 30 pairs of bed socks and 16 pairs of gloves.

To Red Cross, Bombay:—232 pairs of socks and 37 mufflers.

To Local Troops:—300 mufflers.

During February.

One case to 48 Hospital, Alexandria, containing:—10 mufflers, 1 pair of socks, 22 pillows, 26 vests, 48 bed jackets, 24 eye bandages, 2 mosquito nets, 27 abdominal belts, 4 caps, 7 dozen handkerchiefs, 37 pairs of pyjamas, 11 shrouds, 4 reversible bed jackets, 2 surgical suits, 6 gauze veils, 17 pairs of slippers, 12 tray clothes, 24 milk covers, 15 head bandages, 24 scrubbers, 2 pairs of bed boots and 1 bezique.

Three cases to Bombay for Mesopotamia containing:—5 pillows, 108 vests, 78 bed jackets, 24 eye bandages, 40 mosquito nets, 41 dozen handkerchiefs, 66 pairs of pyjamas, 15 shrouds, 6 reversible bed jackets, 5 surgical suits, 13 pairs of slippers, 36 tray covers, 12 milk covers, 9 head bandages, 20 scrubbers, 2 pairs of bed boots, 76 shirts, old linen and playing cards.

Three cases for Bombay containing:—53 shirts, 5 surgical shirts, 15 cotton shirts, 135 pairs of pyjamas, 123 bed jackets, 88 vests, 23 dressing gowns, 1 quilt, 4 reversible bed jackets, 23 dozen handkerchiefs, 12 dozen milk covers, 36 pairs of slippers, 37 shrouds, 6 pairs of bed boots, 105 covers, 19 face clothes, 4 pairs of socks, 12 small pillows, 20 large mosquito nets, 32 scrubbers, 37 white caps and 26 pairs of bed socks.

"Our Little Bit Society" (under Mrs. Green).

To Mrs. Eden, Jackanapes Work Society, 94, Marlborough Mansions, West Hampstead, N.W.:—2 quilts, 2 pillows, 4 pairs stretcher boots, 74 suits pyjamas, 84 white woollen caps, 13 white woollen bed socks, 30 pairs socks, 49 pairs woollen mittens, 11 mufflers and 17 sleeveless sweaters.

To Colonel Gordon Hall, Cairo, Egypt:—438 rolled bandages, 4 floor clothes, 37 mops, 40 vests, 100 suits pyjamas, 36 pairs cloth slippers and 7 bags swabs.

To the Matron, 46th General Hospital, Alexandria, Egypt:—816 roller bandages, 102 suits pyjamas, 128 white woollen caps, 30 flannel vests, 16 sleeveless sweaters, 8 pairs socks, 9 face clothes, 27 mops, 48 pairs mittens, 96 pairs slippers, 28 pairs stretcher boots, 9 mufflers, 30 white woollen belts, 13 pairs white woollen bed socks, 7 bags swabs, 2 pillows, 2 quilts and 6 eye bandages.

Sent in January to Hon. Supt., Red Cross Depot, Bombay:—60 pairs clothes slippers.

U.S.R.C. (under Mrs. Keigwin):—570 roller bandages, 10 capeline bandages, 9 many tail bandages, 700 swabs, 84 square swabs, 9 shrouds, 16 wool caps, 6 balaclava helmets, 3 mufflers, 10 pairs wool socks, 8 pairs surgical stockings and 23 scrubbers.

HELINA MAY INSTITUTE (under Mrs. Jordan):—804 rolled bandages, 6 surgical stockings, 7 scrubbers, 3 head bandages and 100 swabs.

PEARL CLUB WORK PARTY (under Mrs. Sutherland):—510 roller bandages, 49 many tail bandages and 1,068 swabs.

UNION CHURCH WORKING PARTY (under Mrs. Macdonald).

Two cases sent to Major Davis, Red Cross Depot, Bombay, containing:—26 suits pyjamas, 117 shirts, 141 handkerchiefs, 108 pairs socks, 7 pairs knee-caps, 13 pairs bed socks, 16 pairs mittens, 62 mufflers, 17 helmets, 7 wool caps, 34 milk covers, 12 eye bandages, 25 many tail bandages, 8 surgical caps, 25 face clothes, 72 towels and 1 pair slippers.

To Col. Gordon Hall, 27th General Hospital, Egypt:—384 rolled bandages, 39 many tail bandages, 13 eye bandages, 62 suits pyjamas, 155 shirts, 15 vests, 271 handkerchiefs, 228 pairs of socks, 37 pairs knee-caps, 31 pairs bed socks, 28 pairs mittens, 88 mufflers, 19 helmets, 38 wool caps, 102 milk covers, 5 surgical caps, 6 cholera belts, 19 hospital squares, 72 towels, 100 face clothes, 18 mops and 1 pair slippers.

CAROLINE WOMEN'S LEAGUE (under Miss Loughran):—20 pairs socks, 10 pairs bed socks, 11 mufflers, 26 shawl handkerchiefs, 126 face covers, 28 knitted scrubbers, 41 dozen gauze swabs and 1,800 rolled bandages.

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INCOME-TAX FOR AMERICANS BUSY SCENES AT U.S. CONSULATE, SHANGHAI.

It is doubtful if so many Americans had ever before attended their consulate on business in any two successive days, as yesterday and Monday, says the *North China Daily News* of March 6th, and the patience of the overworked staff, which like most offices just now is short-handed, was taxed almost to the breaking point. Mr. C. J. Spiker, vice-consul, in particular having to answer hundreds of different questions addressed to him in chorus from the scores of men lined up at the counter, all elbowing each other in the scurry to get their income tax forms.

When the office opened at 10 o'clock yesterday morning it was at once seen that Americans in Shanghai have no intention of evading their country's new war-income tax; and all day there was a steady stream of applicants; at one time in the middle of the forenoon there were between 30 and 40 men lined up and at no time were there less than six.

Americans living here have always been liable for income tax since the tax was imposed a few years ago, but the Government was not insistent and few, very few in fact, paid any attention to the forms that were sent round in former years. But America is at war now, and things are different; the country needs all the money it can get and Americans in Shanghai as a body are showing no hesitation in contributing their two per cent. contribution.

On Monday Consul-General Simmons advised the public in a notice in the newspapers that a notice in the newspapers that a notice in the newspapers had been received, and that unmarried men whose incomes exceed \$1,000, and married men and heads of families whose income exceed \$2,000 and who are American citizens, should fill out and file returns. There was nothing insistent about the notice, but it had immediate effect.

The forms state that returns must be made to the Collector of Internal Revenue of the tax-payer's district at Home by March 1st, in default of which heavy penalties are imposed. As the forms were not received until March 2nd it is obvious that no one need be held at fault if returns do not reach the Collector until a month or more late. But to be on the safe side and to avoid all liability to fine the consular officials recommended that each tax-payer attach an affidavit to his form stating that it was impossible to comply earlier because of the late arrival of the forms.

HOW THE TAX WORKS.

GERMAN WAR PROFITS. WHAT "NO ANNEXATIONS" MEANS.

M. CHERADAME'S EXPOSURE.

M. André Chéradame, the eminent authority on Pan-Germanism, has just issued a popular pamphlet on "German War Profits and the German Formula, 'No Annexations, No Indemnities.'" We summarize below the chief points of his timely analysis.

In three years, writes M. Chéradame, the domain of Prussian militarism has increased from an area of 340,000 square kilometres inhabited by 63,000,000 of people, to an area of 3,600,000 square kilometres containing 180,000,000 inhabitants. President Wilson's statement in his Flag Day speech of June 14 last is thus fully justified—

If they (the Germans) can secure peace now, they will have justified themselves before the German people. They will have gained by force what they promised to gain by it—an immense expansion of German power and an immense enlargement of German industrial and commercial opportunities. Their prestige will be secure and, with their prestige, their political power.

On March 23rd the Russian Soviet, inspired by German agents, launched the "No Annexations, No Indemnities" formula. On June 15th the German Imperial Socialist "accepted" it at Stockholm. A week later Herr Erzberger obtained approval for it in the Reichstag. On October 9th the German Chancellor, Herr Michaelis, adopted it. His successor, Count Hertling, has also given it his benediction. In October, again, the Petrograd Soviet, in which German influences were more than ever predominant, defined it anew in the words:—"All belligerents must renounce war contributions or indemnities in any form whatsoever." This version at once received the formal approval of the *Freidenkblatt*, the official organ of the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Office.

The application of these formulas, M. Chéradame explains, would (1) allow Germany to keep her grip on her essential territorial acquisitions; (2) would leave to the Allies the crushing burden of their own unprecedented war expenditure; and (3) would permit Germany to retain her war profits, which, though little understood hitherto, are in reality gigantic and infinitely greater than the losses which Germany has suffered. These three results would consolidate the triumphant extension of Prussian militarism, and would imply a crushing victory for autocracy over democracy.

By reason of long premeditation and preparation the war has cost Germany far less than it has cost the Allies. Germany escaped the squandering of money and resources that is an inevitable result of improvisation. Moreover, among her 3,000,000 prisoners of war and 40,000,000 inhabitants of occupied Allied territory, the German has secured a vast amount of labour practically gratis. As regards the actual cash outlay, France alone has spent 38 per cent. more per head of her population than Germany; while the Allies in general have spent 25,700,000,000 more than the Central Powers, without reckoning the war outlay of Serbia, Roumania, Greece, Japan, and the United States. Thus Germany, while spending much less than her enemies, has realized war profits of which the present value is immense, and the future value, were she allowed to retain them, would be incalculable.

DREAMS NEARLY REALIZED.

As things stand to-day, the territorial dream of the Pan-Germans is practically realized. It may be urged that the fall in the value of the mark is a sign that Germany has been harder hit by the war financially than has England or France. In reality, the decline of German credit is due partly to the feeling that, if the Allies fight long enough, Germany will be beaten; and partly because the suspension of her foreign trade compels Germany to pay for most of her imports in gold.

M. Chéradame proceeds to analyse *veritatem* the chief war profits of Germany. On the basis of the proportionate estimated wealth before the war of the countries and territories occupied, he calculates the value of these territories at approximately 26,000,000,000. Apart from this value, Germany has secured transportable booty in the shape of—

- (1) Human material for labour.
- (2) Immense quantities of war material, rolling stock, and means of transport. The Belgian railways alone are worth 120,000,000.
- (3) Horses, cattle, and foodstuffs generally.
- (4) Raw materials, such as coal, mineral oils, iron, copper, wool, cotton. In the industrial towns of North-Eastern France alone the Germans seized 222,000,000 worth of wool.
- (5) The materials of industry—motors, machine tools, dynamo, models, looms, and all kinds of industrial plant.
- (6) Movable objects, such as furniture and implements of all kinds, of which the occupied territories have been denuded.
- (7) Works of art—stolen from churches, museums, and private individuals in Belgium, France, Poland, and now in Italy.
- (8) War contributions levied in the form of fines, forced loans, and taxes. The amounts thus secured run into hundreds of millions sterling.
- (9) Minted money, jewels, and securities. Everywhere the Germans have emptied, by order, the strong-boxes of banks and private individuals. In Sept. and Oct. last they took at one stroke the deposits belonging to Allied subjects in Belgian banks to the amount of 221,000,000.

The application of the military scheme would mean that, even if Germany were to evacuate Russia, Poland, Serbia, and France, she would still control sufficient

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THE SERBIAN SOLDIER. WHAT HE ENDURES AND DESERVES.

[BY FLORA RANDS.]

When I left the Front at the end of November snow was already falling up in the mountains of Macedonia, where the remnants of the plucky Serbian Army are still grimly, silently carrying on. On those bare peaks the cold is now intense, and in our shallow, rocky, wind-swept trenches the men are standing knee-deep in snow, and even when they come out of them for a short rest after fifteen days and nights of it, they are not much better off, for there is no wood in the country, and sleeping in their stone dug-outs, huddled together for heat, no Serbian soldier carries a blanket—they have no means of warming themselves and no camp fires to sit round.

One naturally pictures such an army, consisting of men who have fought through two wars before the present one was even thought of, men who almost without exception bear the scars of three or four wounds, sometimes more, and who have managed somehow—more or less to out-live the effects of the Retreat through Albania, as being at least warmly clothed and fed and being in receipt of everything that can possibly be given them to alleviate their unavoidable sufferings, in order that a few at least may be saved to go back into Serbia. But no, on the contrary, these men are fighting for the Allies with less shelter than any other Army, less rations—such things as sugar, milk, butter, rum are unheard of luxuries—and no warm clothes. There is not a single man who has a pair of socks, and hardly any who have more than one shirt—and that, a cotton one. I do not know, and do not care, whose fault it is; the facts are there, and it is for us to remedy them.

These men in the trenches would give me anything they had. Our most prized ration—our one and only "luxury"—is a small mug of much-watered wine twice a week. More than once, having drunk mine at midday, I have been handed another mugful at supper by my orderly, and all objections waived aside with "never mind where it came from; just drink it—you need it more than I do." It was his own ration.

To rescue me when I was wounded and unable to move some of my men risked their lives, and more than their lives (for no one knows better than they do what it means for a Serbian soldier to fall into the hands of the Bulgarians alive), yet they refused pointblank to save themselves unless they could carry me with them.

This is the spirit the Serbian soldier shows towards his Allies; what are we doing for him? There are societies for the wounded and for the civilians in the villages, but, when all is said and done, it is the man in the trenches who is keeping the flag flying.

Besides the soldiers at or not-as the case may be—for the trenches, there are the "Cheechas," or old men, who in normal times would be sitting by their own fireside, having relegated the working of the little farm to their sons, but who are now doing the transport, dragging their aching, rheumatically old legs for miles and miles alongside the pack mules, through mud and snow and rain in winter, scorching sun and choking dust and flies in summer, all day and every day on the endless trail, with nowhere to sit down for five minutes' rest and be given a hot drink and a smoke, no one to cheer them on their way, and nothing to think of but the sons they have had killed in the war and the old home in Serbia which they have lost hope of ever seeing again.

"Don't these men complain?" I am often asked. No, they do not. The only thing they ever complain of is that they are not allowed to go on the offensive, attack the Bulgarians, and fight their way home or be killed in the attempt. Home sickness, the longing, at any cost, to try to find their families, alone can undermine the moral of the Serbian Army. I have heard more grumbling since I came back to England from people because they cannot get quite as much butter or sugar as they would like than I have ever heard in the whole Serbian Army, even when we were going through Albania and frequently had no food at all; but then, perhaps, when you are worn out by six years of fighting, when all your brothers have been killed, father murdered by the Bulgarians, wife and sisters carried off, and the old mother, goodness alone knows where (and this is the history of almost any Serbian soldier you care to ask), and when, in addition, your life-long enemy is in possession of your country, and you have lost everything you ever had in the world, well then I suppose you get past grumbling over anything; but if you have the unbreakable spirit of a Serbian you will still be a steadfast ally, an undaunted foe, and what is more, you'll be a man, my son—and a man worth doing something for.

I am working while home on leave helping "The Hon. Mrs. Haverfield's Fund (Registered)" for providing Comforts for Serbian Soldiers and Prisoners. 22, Old Burlington Street, where money and comforts can be sent. We have already despatched a good deal of warm clothing, but nothing to what is required, and we hope to raise sufficient funds to start and maintain free canteens along the roads for the "Cheechas" and the soldiers tramping from hospital to join their regiments. *Morning Post.*

population to give her—who has mobilized 30 per cent. of her own and of her allies' populations—a total armed force of some 20,000,000 men with an annual military contingent of nearly 1,400,000 men. Thus, this domain of Prussian militarism, of which the destruction by the Allies is the chief and indispensable war aim, would be—any, has been—immensely extended.

Times.

THE ROAD TO INDIA AND BRITAIN'S PLANS. HAMBURG TO BAGDAD POLICY.

The surrender of Jerusalem and the consequent strengthening of British power and prestige in the Middle East will have a chastening effect on the protagonists of the "Hamburg to Bagdad" policy. It was a policy which attracted a vast number of adherents; men who recognised at an early stage of the war that Germany was bound to suffer immeasurable losses in her overseas trade, and by the deprivation of markets in which she could replenish her exhausted supplies of raw material. Men of the calibre of Dr. Paul Rohrbach affected to see in an extension of German influence towards the East more than a compensation for any losses she might incur overseas, but above all they saw in it a serious blow struck at British predominance in those regions and a policy which would eventually tend towards the dislocation of British power in India.

There is an interesting article in the *Kölnische Zeitung*, headed, "The Road to India," in which German ambitions and the underlying fear that they will remain unfulfilled, are blended in a rather discordant whole. Some passages from this article are well worth quoting. It is an article full of blatant nonsense, but appearing in the *Kölnische* it is clearly an effort made with a purpose, and behind it are doubtless men of some importance.

First of all, we are told that the German Empire, rising in accordance with the dynamic laws of nature, has filled Britain with concern for the safety of her world-empire and the security of her sea lordship. This is really the secret of England's participation in the war. She would smash the German attack on her greater imperial interests, destroy Germany's naval power, and rob her of her colonies.

Historical necessity. We are next informed that Germany's Oriental policy rests on "historical necessity." We are informed that the political ambition which has Baghdad as its object is as old as Pepin and Charlemagne. One can see that it rests, moreover, on the "geographical line" of the existing group of power—whatever this may mean. At various periods during the past 1,000 years attempts have been made to link up the Orient with Germany, but until now the necessary power has been lacking. That Germany has taken the opportunity of securing the assistance of Turkey in the realisation of her aims is only natural.

Equally natural is it that England should regard this movement as aggressive. For, if successful, Germany obtains an exit on the Persian Gulf, and thereby, we are told, she makes an important step forward in her equality of rights at sea with England. England would be threatened in her dominion of the Indian Ocean, and this she would not tolerate for an instant. It is here, therefore, that the vital interests of the two Empires clash with elemental force. Germany must gain an entrance to the Persian Gulf if she is not to be cut off from the trade of the world, and if she is not to make the feeding of her population dependent on the favour of England. And England cannot permit our entrance to the Gulf without seeing her domination at sea diminished, the domination which accrues to her her great riches. England sees this quite well, and hence her attitude. She knows that almost all her Asiatic and African possessions serve only as a glacis for India, the costliest jewel in the British crown.

BRITAIN'S LAND ROUTE.

It is in pursuit of this policy of securing her Eastern Dominions that Britain desires an overland road to India. The idea is an old one, and has not its origin in this war. It took shape after the occupation of Egypt. Much has been written lately about the importance of Egypt for Britain, but it is necessary to add, says the *Kölnische* writer, that the occupation of that country was a necessity if England set store on commanding the seaway to India after the opening of the Suez Canal.

The land way was also a necessity, and Britain, made wise by her Colonial experiences, began to secure the adhesion of the spiritual chiefs of Islam by an adroit expenditure of gold. It was undoubtedly an adroit policy. The Arab population was irritated by the actions of the Turkish Nationalists, and Britain agitated against the "Turansians," posing as the liberator of the Arab tribes from the thraldom of the Turk. And, besides, they would make of the desert of Arabia a flourishing garden like unto Egypt. The British, moreover, played on the string of an Arabic Khalifat.

Then, we are told, came the necessity of a military occupation of Mesopotamia, and finally the necessity of controlling and securing those portions of Persia through which the future road to India would lead.

NO ARRANGEMENT POSSIBLE.

The writer proceeds to examine how far this British policy has been successful, the first tangible result was the defection of the Sherif Hussein and his appointment as an Arabian King dependent on the grace of England. Mesopotamia has been occupied as far as it is necessary for the fulfilment of British plans, and Southern Persia has been firmly incorporated.

The conclusion of the writer is peculiarly interesting:—"One day we must come to an arrangement with England about Belgium and other purely European questions. But we shall never arrive at an agreement on any question which encroaches on the integrity of British Colonial possessions, still less on any question which touches the connection between Britain and India, the veritable column of British world-power."

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CAUSES OF PORTUGUESE REVOLUTION.

ARMY DECIDES THE ISSUE.
OLD POLICY NEW METHODS.

The following article gives an account of the causes of the recent revolution in Portugal and an estimate of the character of the new leader, Major Sidonio Paes.

[FROM "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT AT LISBON.]

The present revolution is the reply of the Army to that of May 14th. In the main the two forces which measured their strength last week were the same as in 1916. The result reproduces in even more startling form the victory of the military Juntas in Spain. It is the sword flung into the political scale. The Government counted on an Army whose adhesion it did not possess, and on a public with which it had lost touch.

Not that the Government was a weak Government. Far from it; it contained elements of real worth and power. It was not an inactive Government. When time allows its real work to be seen and judged, it will be recognized that, faced by great difficulties and a relentless opposition, its members have done much that the Portuguese people will yet be proud of. The creation of that "new army," by a portion of which it has been overthrown has been in the main its work. So, too, the organization of the Navy. The work of these few short months in the colonies, and in the Departments of Works, Supplies, Agriculture, and Commerce, has also been great. Dr. Affonso Costa may to-day be prisoner; his house, with that of Admiral Leote de Beogo and Colonel Norton de Matos, may have been sacked by hostile mobs; yet in her heart of hearts Portugal is far from ashamed of the men who at whatever of sacrifice have proved to the nation and to the world that the Portuguese Army and Navy are real forces, and the nation worthy of a wider future than three short years ago its people dreamed of.

LATE GOVERNMENT'S ENEMIES.

The pace has been over-forced. The strain imposed by the protraction of the war has been too great. This it is which has brought the Government down at the very time when that downfall was least deserved. With all its faults and its shortcomings, and they were neither few nor small, the late Government had not been false to the Republic, the nation, or the Allies. It had, however, created many enemies, and was hard pressed on many hands. An unrelenting Press war, a scholastic strike which served to unite against it the young, organized, and enthusiastic forces of a portion of the Republic with those of militant Monarchism as represented by the students of the School of War—who played a leading part in the revolt—and, lastly, the unpopular contest with the Church, through the expulsion of certain of the leading bishops from their dioceses and from the country for their direct infringement of the Law of Separation from the State; these led to its defeat.

To these must be added the successive alienation of special classes formerly distinguished by their loyalty to the régime, such as the postal and telegraphic employees, and part, it would seem of the police. Agriculture, still stood aloof, and the great industrial and commercial classes, under threats of mobilization and the probability of the introduction of war taxes, though lately they have been apparently less directly antagonistic, yet stood on guard. These combined elements, together with the pinch of want, were enough to crush any Government.

THE "NEW NAPOLEON."

Internally there has lain, there yet lies, latent the question of the régime. Externally there is that of Portugal's participation in the war. On both these vital questions, the policy of the late government was clear. It is significant that on both questions the preliminary proclamations of the Revolutionary Junta maintain that policy. Major Sidonio Paes—the new Napoleon, as he has been styled—appears as the saviour of the Republic. Character and capacity are the first necessities of the country and the moment. That Major Paes and his coadjutors may be able to do better than the "wretched Government" who have gone, as he somewhat ungenerously styles his predecessors, is to be wished. His work will not be easy. The forces he represents are composed of many heterogeneous elements. To destroy, even to destroy Governments, is not so hard as to govern, and to govern well.

So far Major Paes enjoys the immense advantage of a favourable Press. This means much. He has the confidence of many unquestionably good people. The danger is that he should adopt the counsel of the leading Monarchist organ, the *Diário Nacional*, when it says:—"Major Sidonio Paes, to confirm his work and even in his own defence and that of his companions, must politically exterminate, extermination of an entire party, and one that until yesterday was the governing party in the country, is a perilous policy, alike for those who preach it and for the country."

"If therefore we do not solve the Orient question militarily, even though we beat England to her knees, the last concession which Britain would make would be the yielding up of Arabia and Mesopotamia. It is thus that the British Empire will be lost to India. The future will show whether the Germans are mature enough to pursue a policy which will get us back Mesopotamia. Victory will go to that nation whose broadest sections of people recognise the necessity of the national demands. A large part of the British working class know what the British colonies mean for them. May the day soon come when the broadest masses of our people will possess an understanding for German foreign policy."

AMERICAN PREPARATIONS. WAR SECRETARY'S DEFENCE.

Mr. Baker, U.S.A., the Secretary for War, replied in January to the criticism of his department's conduct of the war, mentioning that the United States now has an army of 1,500,000 men and equipment ready for all who can go overseas this year. "America," he said, "now has in France an army of substantial size ready for active service."

In answer to questions with respect to delays in preparing for war, Mr. Baker said:—"The war was not on us, it was in Europe." The department went along in the old rut until America entered the war, and then began to make things move. Senator New brought out early in the hearing that in May, 1916, Mr. Gerard, the United States Ambassador to Germany, warned the United States that Germany was about to renew its unrestricted submarine warfare, and that the United States should prepare for war eventually. The facts in regard to this warning are given in Mr. Gerard's book, Senator New asserted.

Secretary for War Baker said any information he had in regard to this warning was of a confidential nature, and he could not discuss it.

"Did not that warning make any impression on you?" asked Senator New. "That subject is confidential," was the answer.

"Don't you think, and didn't you think, that would have been pretty good time to settle the question of rifle interchangeability and other things that later caused delays?"

"Yes," that would have been a good time, and ten years before would have been a good time.

Secretary Baker then asserted that he was not sure of the exactitude of Mr. Gerard's warning. "We had word of the German Government repudiating any intention to renew unrestricted submarine warfare," he said.

"Was the word of the German Government more credible than that of our own Ambassador?" asked Senator New. Later in the examination Senator New wrathfully interjected:—"Mr. Gerard was in Berlin for the purpose of knowing what was going on. He sent his warning based on talks with the German Emperor and with German admirals, and his warning should have influenced the War Department." Conceding delays and errors of judgment in so vast an undertaking, Secretary Baker epitomised his reply to criticism in a written statement of considerable length. "No army of a similar size in the history of the world," he said, "has ever been raised, equipped, or trained so quickly. No such provision has ever been made for the comfort, health, and general well-being of any army. By the co-operation of all the interests and all the people in the country the nation was now organized, and set to its task with unanimity of spirit and confidence in its powers. More had been done than anybody dared believe to be possible." Mr. Baker gave figures showing the state of the army and its equipment before America entered the war, and the remarkable progress made since. *Daily Telegraph.*

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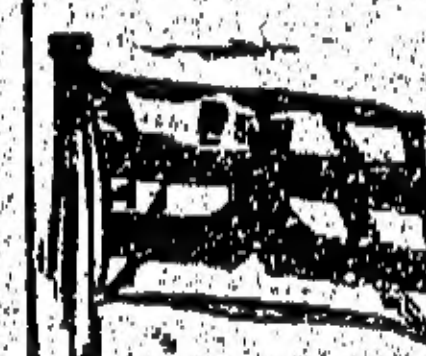
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